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UNREST AND DISCONTENT IN THE ITALIAN ARMY, FASCIST PARTY: GESTAPO WATCHING ALL SERVICES

Hitler Asked Mussolini To Send More Men To Russia

STARTLING DISCLOSURES OF THE UNREST AND DISCONTENT IN THE ITALIAN ARMY AND FASCIST PARTY, AND THE PRESENCE OF THE GESTAPO AGAIN AS THE WATCHERS IN ALL ITALIAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, were referred to by THE TIMES yesterday, according to Reuter.

The newspaper is strongly critical of the Fascist administration and states that by having articles printed, Signor Mussolini probably wishes to make a show of meeting the discontent which undoubtedly exists inside the Army and Party.

ITALIAN OFFICERS CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT HERR HITLER ASKED MUSOLINI TO SEND MORE MEN TO RUSSIA AND TO CALL MORE CIVILIANS TO THE COLOURS.

Even the Italian soldiers who have gone to Russia are not properly equipped and have not yet seen the battle field.

HOW THEN, IT IS ASKED, ARE OTHERS TO BE EQUIPPED WHEN LIBYA DEMANDS SO MUCH? In conversation, Italian officers have said that the army, depleted for other fronts, COULD NOT DEFEND ITALY IN THE FACE OF A DIRECT ASSAULT. ONLY THE POLICE, ITALIAN AND GERMAN, ARE PROPERLY FITTED OUT.

INTERNAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ITALY IS DISCUSSED

ZURICH, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—Discussing the internal economic situation in Italy, a writer in the newspaper *POPOLO D'ITALIA* of Milan says: "FASCISM HAS STOPPED PRECISELY AT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DOMAIN WHICH IS THE BASIS OF ALL MODERN POLITICS."

ITALIAN CLAIM EXAGGERATED

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—It is learned in London that an attack was made on shipping at Gibraltar last Saturday.

A bulk was sunk but the rest of the enemy's claim to have inflicted heavy losses is exaggerated.

Yesterday's Italian communiqué stated that Italian naval craft penetrated into inner harbour of Gibraltar and sank two tankers and one steamer, and damaged a further vessel.

DUFF COOPER TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA Sept. 23 (Reuter)—The Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, announced that Mr. Duff Cooper, representative of the British War Cabinet in the Far East, has accepted the Government's invitation to visit Australia after he has established his headquarters in Singapore.

TEHERAN, Sept. 24 (Reuter)—The Iranian Government has recalled its diplomatic representatives from Germany, Italy and Rumania.

Today's News Summary

THERE IS DISCONTENT in the Italian Army and the Fascist Party. According to the Times, Italian officers believe that Hitler asked Mussolini to send more men to Russia and to call more civilians to colours. The internal economic situation of Italy is also discussed.

THE GERMAN FORCES besieging Odessa have been driven back several miles by the beleaguered Soviet troops, according to latest information from Moscow. There has been a successful withdrawal of the Russian forces at Klov.

UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER does not prevent the nightly attacks by British aircraft on Germany and enemy occupied territory and on Monday night a small force of bombers attacked the docks at Boulogne.

THE JAPANESE-BORN wife of the Press Attaché at the British Embassy in Peking is reported missing. Strong representations have been made by the British to the Japanese authorities.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE Shanghai Municipal Council has issued an appeal to all political groups and parties.

CABLE NEWS ON PAGE SEVEN OF THIS PAPER, with fighting east of Kiev; Italian liners destroyed in Mediterranean; former Shah of Iran pedes property; enemy shipping harassed.

"Such views inside the Army are matched by the prevailing mood of many of the Fascist Party, rank and file. The Right Wing of malcontents dreams of support for the dynasty, army, clergy and financiers and have in mind a leader who ought to remain nameless.

The Left Wing group hopes for support of the peasantry and emigrate abroad, but each group wishes to preserve a kind of Fascism.

PROMPTED BY GESTAPO

Remark that Mussolini had faced similarly widespread moods before and overcome them. The Times' diplomatic correspondent says that he is supported and prompted by the Gestapo who concludes that certainly any changes Mussolini makes will be approved by his superior officers in Berlin even if they have not actually dictated them.

Commenting on this state of affairs in Italy, the DAILY TELEGRAPH, after referring to an article by SIGNOR FARINACCI, one time Party Secretary, and a statement by SIGNOR SERENA, Public Works Minister, expressing criticism, remarks on the apprehension of Italy's rulers about the firmness of their home front.

Stating that the Italian home front, however, cannot break because it is far too well guarded and controlled by swarms of the Gestapo and masses of German troops camped in Italy, the Telegraph says that Italy is in no better position to revolt than that of occupied France and only one degree less occupied.

8 MILLION BAYONETS

Asking where are the "8,000,000 bayonets" Mussolini spoke of long ago, the Telegraph comments that if the Black Shirt Legion in Russia has seen any fighting the Germans have been careful not to advertise the fact, adding that the Italian Army had done nothing for months but provide garrisons for Greece and the districts of occupied France.

Concluding that Italy has almost more to hope for Hitler's defeat than victory, the Telegraph adds: "There can be little question that the Italian (Italy) is a captive as discontented as any in Hitler's domain.

"No wonder some devout Fascists are beginning to think aloud about the errors of their Party and regime."

Germany Threatens To Occupy Bulgaria

It is reported in Ankara that Germany has threatened to occupy Bulgaria if the latter refuses to join in the war against Russia, says Reuter.

The Bulgarian Prime Minister has returned to Sofia after reported conversations with German officials, while Herr von Papen, who was also present at the conference, has returned to Ankara.

British Press Attache's Wife Missing

PEKING, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—The British Embassy has made the strongest representations to the Japanese authorities over the disappearance of Mrs. Denzil H. Clarke, Japanese wife of the Press Attaché to the British Embassy.

She left home on a bicycle at 10 a.m. on Saturday and has not returned or been heard from since.

According to an unconfirmed report, she was kidnapped by unknown persons when leaving a friend's house.

Her disappearance, following a recent scurrilous article in a local Japanese newspaper attacking her and her husband, is considered most disquieting.

SUCCESSFUL WITHDRAWN

A part of the Russian forces has been successfully withdrawn from the Kiev sector where heavy fighting continues.

The remainder of Marshal

Forces Beseiging Odessa Are Thrown Back Several Miles In Counter-attacks By Beleaguered Troops

THE FORCES BESEIGING ODESSA HAVE BEEN THROWN BACK SEVERAL MILES IN COUNTER-ATTACKS BY BELEAGUERED TROOPS, states the Moscow Radio which adds that since the beginning of the war, the Rumanians have lost half their army, says Reuter from London.

The German Official News Agency limits the counter-attacks, in which artillery and tanks took part, at Leningrad and Poltava, adding that seven Russian 62-ton tanks were destroyed in Leningrad.

The Germans describe the counter-attack at Poltava as strong, adding that the Russians also used an armoured train.

As usual, the Nazis claim that all the counter-attacks were beaten back with heavy losses to the Russians and state that 30 tanks were destroyed.

The German News Agency, quoting Finnish reports, says the Finns have now captured some islands in the northern part of Lake Ladoga.

It adds the Finns in the northern sector scored great successes in the last few days, surrounding and completely destroying five Soviet battalions and killed 3,000 Russians.

NAZI CASUALTIES

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter)—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Malsky, speaking in London, estimated German casualties in the eastern front at about 3,000,000 and about one-third of the entire German Army is now hors de combat.

It is certain the Russians are holding out well at Leningrad where they inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy.

German losses in officers have been formidable. Some units lost as many as two-thirds of their officers.

Weather conditions about Leningrad are very bad. There is intense cold and the terrain is muddy and boggy in the forest area.

GERMAN CLAIMS

The German High Command, from the Fuehrer's headquarters, reports: "Prisoners in the battles around Kiev increase to about 380,000. More than 570 tanks and 2,100 guns were captured or destroyed."

"Regarded as completely destroyed."

The commander-in-chief of the 5th Russian Army is among the prisoners."

RIGHT OF COMPULSORY SERVICE TRIBUNAL TO COMPEL ENROLMENT IN ANY GROUP IS QUESTIONED

The right of the COMPULSORY SERVICE TRIBUNAL, before which he had been summoned, to compel him to enrol in any Combatant Group or Essential Service was questioned by MR. I. G. SULLIVAN, Accountant of the British-American Tobacco Co. and the British Cigarette Co., when appearing yesterday before a session of the Tribunal held at the Council Chamber.

First emphasising the point that he was prepared to do his part in this war, Mr. Sullivan added, "BUT I MUST TELL YOU QUITE CANDIDLY THAT THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT CANNOT COMPEL ME TO DO ANYTHING, BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT."

Replying, Mr. Justice Williams, Chairman of the Tribunal, told Mr. Sullivan that the Tribunal was empowered to assign British subjects here to the various defence groups.

His Lordship conferred with the other members of the Tribunal and then, turning to Mr. Sullivan, said: "I think we will put you into the Combatant Group."

ENEMY SUPPLY SHIP HIT

On Monday aircraft of the Coastal Command, on patrol off the coast of Norway, attacked and hit a large enemy supply ship, says the Telegraph.

On Monday night the weather was unfavourable for operations but a small number of bombers, without loss to themselves, attacked the docks at Boulogne.

Enemy activity over Britain was slight. Shortly after dark, a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in East Anglia, causing no casualties and only slight damage.

S.M.C. Chairman's Appeal To All Political Groups

SHANGHAI, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—Following the shooting of a Japanese civilian in Nanking Road yesterday, MR. J. H. LIDDELL, British Chairman of the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, issued an appeal to all political groups and parties in Shanghai to use wholeheartedly all the influence they possess, so that law and order may again prevail and the international status of the Settlement may be preserved for the benefit of all.

He says the shooting of a Japanese citizen in the International Settlement yesterday afternoon adds yet another to the outrages which have recently taken place in the Settlement.

He continues: "The Settlement is an international zone which weathered the storm of war and served as a safe refuge for many hundreds and thousands of civilian people, a large majority being Chinese. Gunmen of Chinese nationality, however, are disturbing the peace of the area to the detriment of all residents therein.

"As Chairman of the Council, I make this appeal in the hope that I will be heard and have the support of every section of the community and all the political groups.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING
"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Acting Secretary
Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941 commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Acting Secretary
Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

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ROLLER SKATES HOCKEY RESULTS

Two matches were played on Monday in the Roller Skates Hockey League for the Ch. Yin Yap Pao Cup.

After a goalless first half, Cyclones beat Hongkong Skating Rink "B" by two clear goals, scored by A. Kitchell and Rahmlin.

King's Skating Rink beat Kowloon Skating Club "B" by four clear goals after leading at the interval by the only goal scored by Nien, K. W. Chang and P. H. Yung (2) scored the other goals.

BOWLS WALK-OVERS

Several walk-overs have been conceded in the first round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship.

A. H. Rumjahn has received a walk-over from J. W. Harrow, R. Leigh from W. Nash, R. F. de Luz from A. E. Coates, W. C. Higginson from W. J. Bagley, and D. M. Khan from G. Parkins.

PROGRESS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS IN SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE WILL BE WATCHED WITH INTEREST

Tivey, New Centre-forward For M'sex, Has Good Shot

UNCERTAIN COMPOSITION OF THE NAVY XI: BRENTFORD PLAYER BY "PILAT"

For the last ten years, or so, it has almost become a habit for local soccer fans to look to the military teams to supply the necessary competition against the Chinese and, invariably, they have not been disappointed as the British "tommy" can always be relied upon to display a brand of football which, if it is not as copy-book as the Chinese, produces as much thrill and excitement.

This season will see an additional military team in First Division, the ROYAL ENGINEERS returning to senior soccer after an absence of some 20 years. They have however, been very successful in the Junior Division and fully merit the decision of the R.R.A. in granting them promotion.

As MOORE has been played in that it is true that they do not include him in their line-up imposing names but they have two players in MOXHAM (goal) and FOX (forward) who have already proved their worth in representative games last season and these two together with SHAW, the skipper and pivot, will be the mainstay of the team.

From what has been seen of the Sappers my impression is that though they have a useful forward line there are gaps in the defence which need plugging up to strengthen the team as a whole. During a practice game against a mixed Sing Tao and Rest match at Soo-kun-poo a week ago the forwards showed good combination and understanding despite a wet ground but the defence seemed to "wobble" whenever hard pressed.

Though, as stated, only pitted against a mixed team, the intermediate line matched their opponents in disjointedness, throwing much work on the backs. Shaw is a good defensive player but will have to learn to "preserve" his head occupying, as he does, the pivotal berth. They have a steady pair of backs in PALMER and FIELDING while Moxham can be relied upon to "keep'em out".

BETTER AS INSIDE

Fox, who is getting to be a better inside than a leader, will be given the inside-right position, with PELHAM at centre. Much was expected of L. WAI-LAM towards the end of last season but he nearly always failed at the crucial moment though given several trials. In the few practices he has been none too impressive and will have to "buck up" when the season starts in earnest.

Their line-up will probably be as follows: Moxham, Palmer, Fielding, Chan Ying-kuon, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lam, Birrell, Fox and Jones. This team will certainly need watching and it will be interesting to see how they will fare among the seniors.

JONES, the regular left-wing, is on the injured list. In his place, GOUGH, a newcomer with a good turn of speed and a good shot, will be tried out today, and, if he comes up to scratch, then he will play in that position on Saturday against Sing Tao.

WORST LUCK

The team that had the worst luck against them last year was Middlesex, better known to fans as "Dleahards," for on numerous occasions they practically outplayed

The other forwards will be HOSACK (a most dangerous winger) on the right, FLEMING, AULD, and MACDONALD.

ROYAL NAVY

There is today still one manager who is scratching his head as to what the composition of his team should be for the opening League game this weekend, and he is the man who looks after the Royal Navy teams.

The Senior Service is not suffering from a dearth of players by any means. No, in fact they have one of the longest list of players to call on, though it is doubtful whether the exigencies of the Service will allow all to be available at the same time.

From last year's team they still have GIFF and RUTTER, (goal), ROUGHLEY (back), BRITT (half), HENDY, LE PAGE, BARBER and ANDERSON (forwards) and around these players an almost entirely new team will have to be built. New "discoveries" are TAYLOR, who is reputed to have played for Brentford, HUCKIN, PARKINSON and MEARS from the Juniors.

Though Taylor is stated as being "groomed" for centre-half, it was learned that he is essentially a wing-half and will probably fill one such position with Britt taking the other while CROFT, who played last season, will take over the centre assignment.

Huckin, Parkinson and Mears are being tried out in the forward line. One of them will probably fill the right wing, with Anderson on the other. Hendy, their leading goal scorer last season, will again lead the attack with Le Page and Barber in support.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY PRACTICE

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Section's second practice game on Saturday, Sept. 27, on the "Y" ground will take the form of an inter-club match in which the following members will take part.

Benwell, Neve, Youliff, Jordan, Coombe, Waldron, Highlands, Hitchcock, Morgan, Olsen, Bates, Clegg, Ralton, Sarby, Smits, Gorman, Banks, Macey, Ure, Farmer, Treson, Fancy.

Players are requested to bring both Club and white shirts. Bully off 4.30 p.m.

WIN BY 7-0

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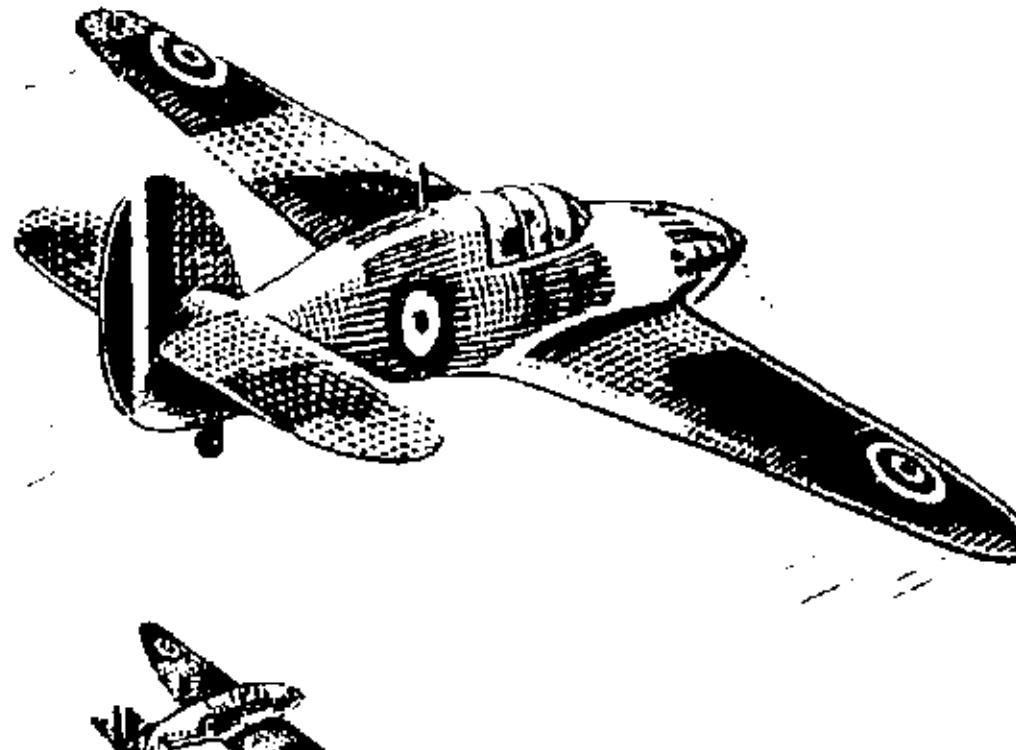
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Alleged Conspiracy To Rob Cargo From Junk

CHEUNG SING, 45, LEUNG YAU, 34, LAM KUN-YAU, 38, and CHAN KWAN, 51, appeared before Major A. N. MacLaiden yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistrate, charged with conspiracy to steal cargo from trading junk T8817H on Aug. 28, with four others not in custody.

The cargo consisted of 165 fertilizer, 200 bean cakes and 950 tins of kerosene, property of Tak Cheong and Co., No. 14, Connaught Road West.

Chan Chau-cheong, fok, who was in charge of the cargo, stated in evidence, that on Aug. 28 they

CYCLONES TAKE TO BOXING

Members of Cyclone Sports Club have for some time been training for boxing, with Iron Bux, Jr., as the leading light, it is learned.

The Cyclones are extremely keen and are anxious to fix up a match against any other boys' club interested in boxing.

WAS BLINDFOLDED

Witness added that he was blindfolded and tied up and put in the bottom of boat's hold. Not being properly blindfolded he could see second defendant.

The hearing was adjourned until noon today for judgment.

Egt. A. P. Estall prosecuted.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Silk Stocking Crisis In America

Cotton Hose Or Bare Legs?

CESSATION OF TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN FINDS THE UNITED STATES WITH ONLY ENOUGH SILK ON HAND FOR FOUR MONTHS; AFTER THAT WOMEN MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GO BARLEGGED OR REVERT TO COTTON HOSE.

With stocks of raw silk in public warehouses estimated at 53,000 bales and another 35,000 bales in the hands of mills, accustomed to consuming about 5,000 bales a week, the Government moved quickly to keep the price of silk hose down below the price of a ruby ring, but it could do little about the supply.

THERE IS PRACTICALLY NO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF SILK. Supplies have come almost wholly from Japan and China. In 1940, Japan supplied 81 per cent of the Nation's silk; China 15 per cent.

Self-sufficiency in nylon, America's made substitute for silk, is still a long way off. Nylon production this year, at best, Commerce Department officials say, would fill only about one eighth of the Nation's stocking requirements and nylon might be needed for parachutes and other defense items.

PRICE CEILING
To keep the price of silk from skyrocketing, Leon Henderson, Government Price Administrator, has announced that his agency imposed a price ceiling on raw silk at the price level prevailing on Monday, July 21. Between July 21 and July 25, prices of raw silk futures rose about 20 per cent, in anticipation of some punitive action against Japanese aggression in the Far East.

At the same time, he called representatives of the silk industry to meet with him on July 28 to

silk and forbidding mills to knit or otherwise process silk in excess of the totals they processed last week.

Army and Navy officials gave assurance that the silk shortage would not seriously interfere with the manufacture of parachutes. The Navy said it had sufficient parachute silk supplies on hand, while Army officers pointed out that experiments have shown a wide range of synthetic material that can be used to replace silk, if necessary.

As to the silk stocking crisis, Commerce Department records



HEADACHE NO. 1 for English girls is the clothes-rationing scheme; for a pair of silk stockings they have to give up two coupons, and sometimes silk stockings only last a few days. So a Croydon store has started a beauty parlour for bare legs: here girls can have their legs sprayed with imitation stocking lotion for 6d.

notice to retailers to maintain silk prices at present levels.

"Any advance in silk items at retail," he asserted, "is occasioned only by the prospect of shortage. Consumers should take such increases as evidence of profiteering."

RAW SILK FROZEN

The Office of Production Management, meanwhile, issued an order freezing all stocks of raw

show that last year's silk stocking production was about 44,000,000 dozen pairs. Output of nylon stockings in the first five months of this year was only about 3,000,000.

In addition to its principal use in the manufacture of hosiery, silk has many uses in industry, such as in insulation of wire and cable. Waste silk is used for powder bags of large caliber guns.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:

Mr. Tai Tim-wing, aeronautical engineer, of No. 111 Boundary Street, and Miss Wong Siew-ching, of No. 162 Tai Po Road;

Michael Kelly, private, Royal Scots, "B" Coy., of Victoria Barracks, and Miss Leung Ah-so, dressmaker, of No. 144 Lockhart Road;

John Dang Rowe Linton, private, Royal Scots, "B" Coy., of Victoria Barracks, and Miss Marie Alice Silver, of No. 34 Queen's Road East.

NEWSETTES

Altogether \$10,000 was realised from the three-day "Bowls-of-Rice" Movement launched in Singapore on the 10th anniversary of the Mukden Incident on September 18. Half of the sum will be remitted to London through Lady Thomas, while the other will be remitted to Madame Chiang Kai-shek for Chinese relief.

"The Light of East Asia," a motion picture starring Japanese captives in Chungking, which has been passed by the censors will be shown in Singapore around the Double-Tenth Festival, China's Independence Day. The proceeds from the gala premiere will be donated to the Aldi Britannia Fund while the proceeds from the second performance will be for Chinese relief.

The marriage took place on Sept. 13, at H. B. M. Consulate, Shanghai, of Regina Rosenberg, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rosenberg, to James Hobart Campbell, only son of the late Mr. J. D. Campbell and Mrs. J. D. Campbell.

Miss Ruth Packard, who recently returned to Shanghai from a trip to Peking after her furlough in the United States, is remaining there as secretary of the International Branch of the Y.W.C.A. She was due for service in West China, but the assignment was changed to Shanghai.

"Mark Twain"

DAY SHIRTS

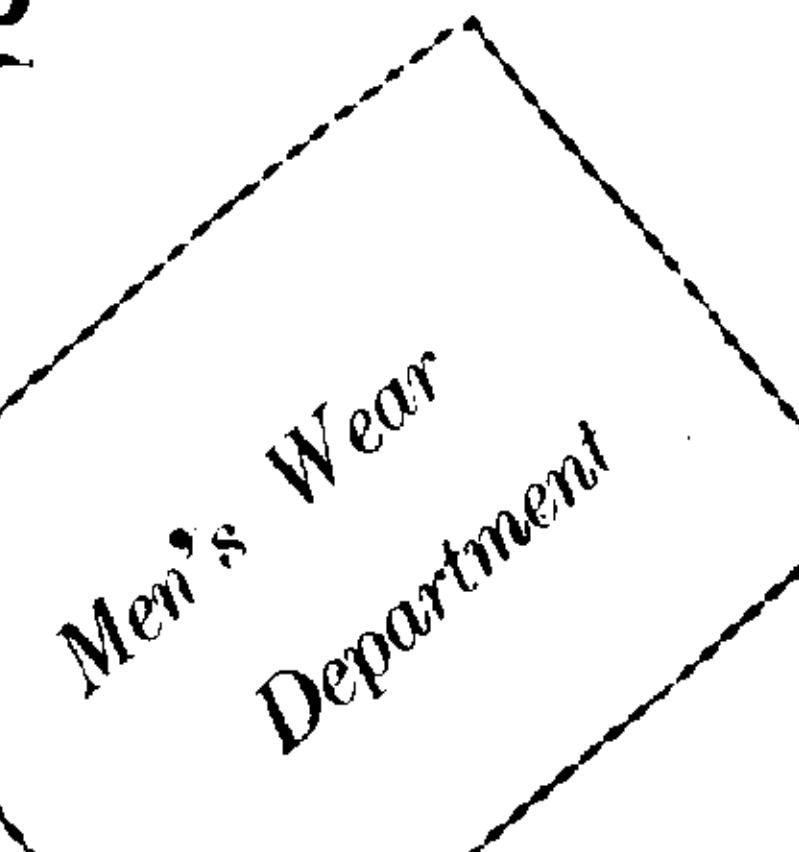
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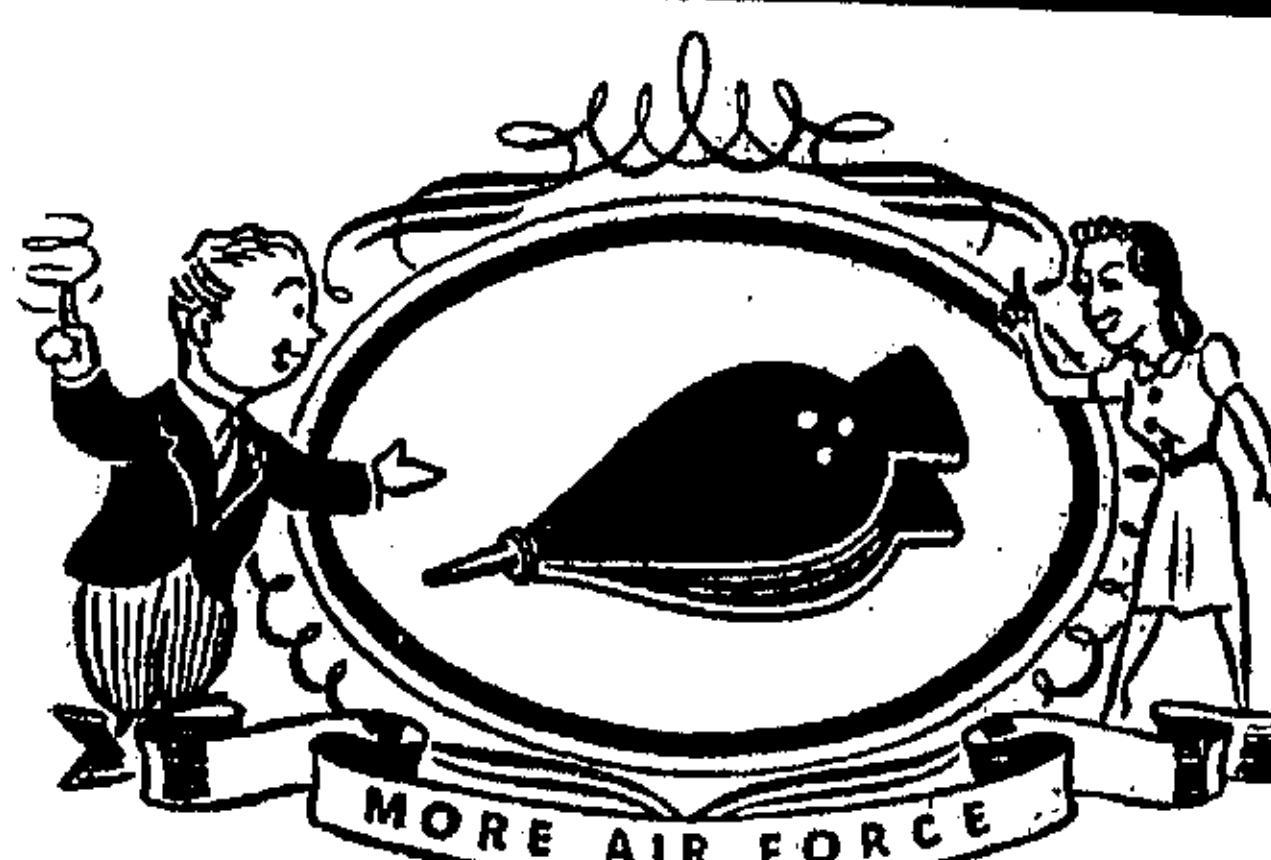
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SEARCHING ENQUIRY INTO 3 CHINESE COMPANIES SUGGESTED BY A.R.P. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

At the conclusion of yesterday's public hearing of the Inquiry into certain matters relating to the AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS DEPARTMENT, the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, expressed the hope that the responsible authorities will make a searching enquiry into the firms of PANG CHIK & TAM and the TAI LEE LUMBER CO. and get a share of the profits in the way of War Taxation.

The proprietor of the Kwong Mr. S. Hampden-Ross with Mr. K. Hip Shing firm and the manager M. A. Barnett as Secretary, Mr. of the Tai Lee Chan and Chik G. G. N. Tinson appeared for Hing firms were closely questioned as to the relationship between the three firms which have their offices in the same room. The two witnesses asserted that the Kwong Hip Shing was in no way connected with the Tai Lee Chan and Chik Hing.

The Commission comprises Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall (Chairman), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and

Have you ever sold to Kin Lee?
—We have not sold any from this lot.

I am not talking about this lot.
I am asking you if you have ever sold to Kin Lee?—Yes.

That was after the 210,000 pieces?—Yes.

During this year?—Yes.

On March 27, you sold 10,000 pieces to Kin Lee?—Yes.

For \$43,000?—No, for \$52,000.

\$43,000 was the cost price.

\$43,000 was what it cost you to buy the sleepers?—Yes.

Have you ever sold to Marsman's?—No.

The National Finance Development Corporation never sold any sleepers to Marsman's?—Never.

Did you ever approach Mr. Carman about the sale of these sleepers?—Yes.

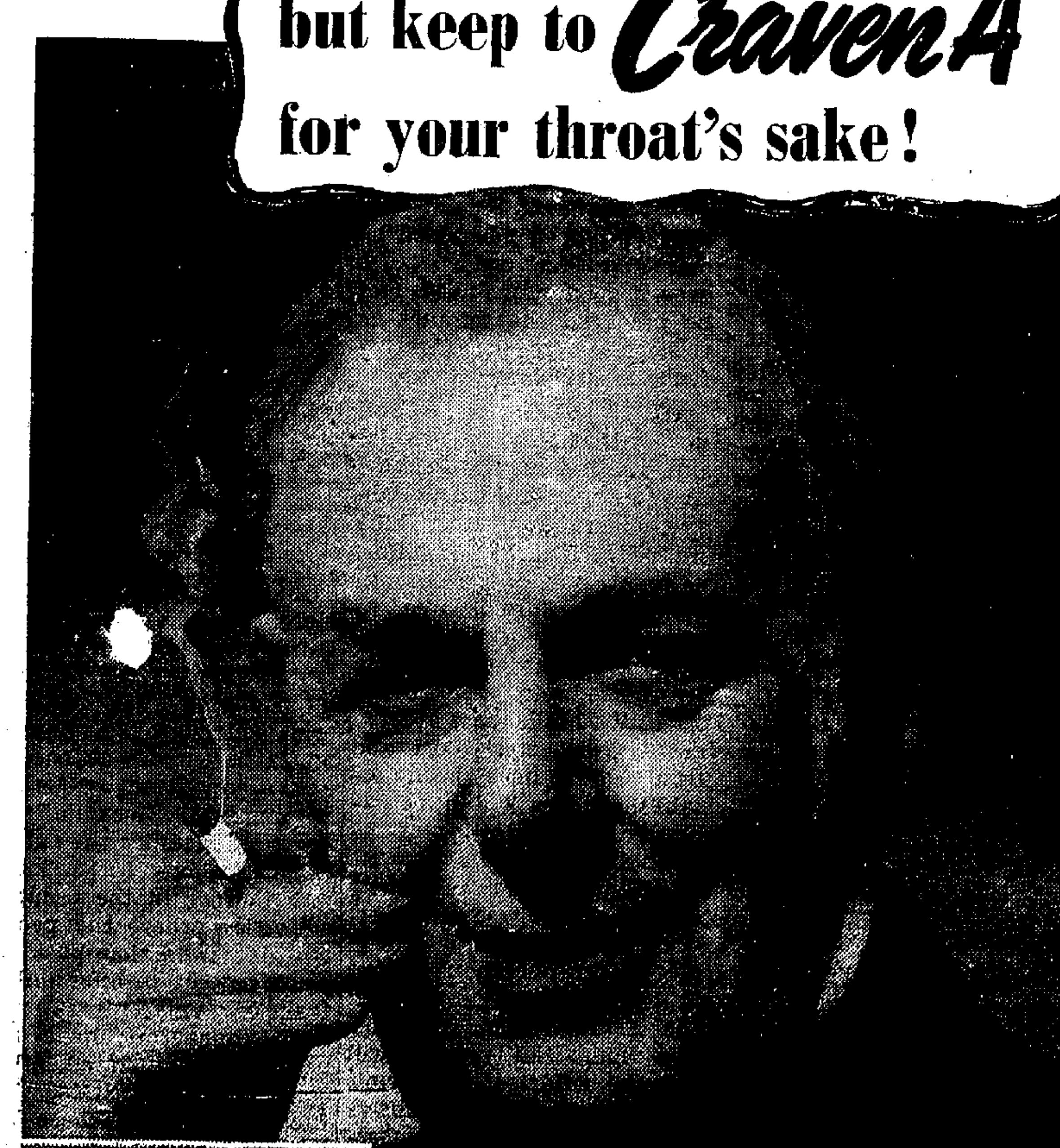
What happened when you approached him?—We wrote to Mr. Carman and received a reply that the sleepers were not fit for use in connexion with A.R.P. tunnel work. They did not want to buy.

What happened to these sleepers afterwards?—I have to make this point clear. The National Finance Development Corporation bought 210,000 Oregon pine sleepers which were only good for making gas-lene boxes. At that time there was a big demand for gasoline boxes in Hongkong and a number of merchants here wanted to buy sleepers. As a finance company, they approached us to buy the whole stock and sell to them in small quantities. After we had bought the 210,000, we bought another lot of 30,000 hardwood sleepers which were classified as decayed sleepers because of their very deplorable condition; most of them were deteriorating. The Jardine Engineering Corporation offered

Who did you sell those 210,000 sleepers to?—There were several tens of local firms, all timber merchants.

Can you name some of the firms?—We sold 60,000 to Kwong Hing, 3,000 to Lin Sang and 15,000 to Ho Fuk-cho. I am only naming the big lots. There were also sales to small dealers but I do not think it is necessary to mention them.

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NOTICE.

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Owing to shortage of tonnage considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining further supplies of coal, and application for assistance has had to be made to the Ministry of Shipping who have allocated tonnage for this purpose. Very heavy increases in freight rates have been made on these shipments and this compels the Company to make a further increase of 20% on net gas charges from September meter readings. This temporary increase is to meet the present emergency only, and it will be withdrawn as soon as conditions allow.

Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

A THIRD FRONT
WHILE the terrible battle of death and destruction continues on his eastern front and the price he has

EDITORIAL

RUSSIAN AIR FORCE IS
SURPRISE OF THE WAR,
SAYS OLIVER STEWART

"One of the characteristics of the Soviet Air Force has been its professional seriousness and this seems to be one of the things that has helped it to stand up so well against the German Air Force and to disrupt every German advance in the air," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., the well-known authority on aerial warfare, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"At Kiev and at other points the Germans were unable to gain air supremacy and I look upon this fighting as the main reason why this campaign has been so different from other German campaigns," continued Major Stewart.

PROFESSIONAL SKILL

"In their other campaigns, dive-bombers and parachutists broke down all resistance. In Russia the same thing was done, but the German Air Force was not able to break down the Russian resistance on its own. There has been the artillery stage and their dive-bombers never had things their own way."

"The Soviet Air Force has proved itself bigger than we thought and bigger than the Germans thought. The failure of the German Air Force to dominate the eastern sky has been due to the professional skill of the Soviet airmen. We should have expected this high degree of professional skill from them from the beginning of the war, because several Soviet newspapers had articles discussing new methods of air war and went deeply into the subject.

"I was reading recently an article in the USSR Air Fleet News of the methods of camouflaging aerodromes," continued Major Stewart. "It is typical of the logical thinking of Russian officers and their men and it describes the methods by which the Soviet Air Force was saved from the first onslaught of the German Air Force."

SERIOUS ERROR

"German reports had put out fantastic reports of the number of Russian machines destroyed. This was due to a serious error by the German Air Force. The pilots really thought they were destroying Soviet machines, while all they while they were only destroying dummies."

"The article went on to say that dummy groups of animals and trees were particularly useful for masking the position of aerodromes. The mass use of dummies thus kept the Soviet Air Force from suffering much heavier casualties."

"The Germans have been using all their attack squadrons, as the Americans would call them. In fact, I very much doubt if there are very many types of attacking planes left in the west that they have not used against the Russians. As the big R.A.F. sweep on Saturday last showed, there are many parts of occupied territory in the west which have been left without any air defence."

had to pay for his advance into Russia mounts daily. Herr Hitler is now facing a third front in the west—a front which has been created by the people of the countries which he has subjugated taking up an attitude of active opposition to German domination. Almost daily reports are reaching the outside world of acts of sabotage and murder in the occupied countries, where the people, who for some time past had been content to offer only a form of passive resistance to their conquerors, have now boldly demonstrated their hatred for the Nazis. The fact that news of these killings of German soldiers and officials have leaked out must constitute a major worry for the Germans, who have all along been trying to convince the world that everything in the garden of occupied Europe was peaceful and bright.

Not being able to deny the truth of these reports any longer, Herr Hitler has resorted to his usual methods of barbarism by ordering the killing of five or six prominent citizens in these occi-

EDITORIAL

ANOTHER TIN
HAT BALL
NOVELTY

Yet another novelty has to be added to the list of attractions at the forthcoming Tin Hat Ball. The scheme itself will not be divulged until the night of the event, but it can be stated that it entails the provision of prizes to the value of over one thousand dollars.

It will be remembered that there were a number of unclaimed prizes left over from the Monster Raffle, and these include such items as an RCA radio set, silver salver, jade necklace, silver pagoda, two open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, wines and spirits etc.

The Hongkong War Effort Committee has evolved a clever scheme whereby these will be disposed of in aid of the Bomber Fund, the attractive part of the scheme being that every participant will secure a prize, but individual contributions will be limited to five dollars.

DENIAL BY HON.
MR. N. L. SMITH

The report, published in an evening contemporary yesterday, of the appointment of Mr. Hyman Weisberg, Financial Secretary of the Straits Settlement, as Colonial Secretary of Hongkong in succession to Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, whose impending retirement was rumoured some months ago, was officially denied by Mr. Smith when approached by the Hongkong Daily Press late last night.

The Colonial Secretary stated that the report was "absolutely incorrect."

BUS SERVICES

Several complaints as to inadequate Bus Services were considered and it was decided to write the

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1941.

K.R.A. & Inadequacy Of The
Mainland Bus, Taxi Services

Complaints regarding the inadequacy of the bus service formed one of the main topics of discussion at the September meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association held recently in the St. Andrew's Church Hall.

In the absence of the President, Mr. D. W. Munton, through indisposition, the Vice-President, Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, presided over the meeting and others present were:—Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. H. Wong, Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Major C. M. Manners, Mr. R. P. P. T. A. Wittenbach, Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. Yenng Tsun Tat. Apologies for absence were received from Miss E. M. Gibbons, Mr. R. J. Shrigley, Mr. Lam Ming Fan, Mrs. H. F. Phillips and Mr. R. A. da Silva.

The Financial Statement showed that the bulk of subscriptions had been paid up to date and of those reported unpaid several had been debited to members who have left the Colony.

Correspondence read concerned in the main suggested alterations and improvements as regards roads and street lighting and the Chairman of the Sub-committee concerned was able to assure the meeting that the bulk of suggestions made to the P.W.D. had been accepted and that the work was in some cases being put in hand at once, also that considerable funds had been allocated for improving Kowloon roads in the near future.

Complaints as to unsatisfactory service of taxi cabs were also dealt with.

Other matters discussed included the ever increasing number of burglaries and thefts and the nuisance of hawkers' cries in prohibited areas and the very slow delivery of letters, especially those arriving by Clipper mail. It was decided that these matters should be brought to the attention of the Hon. Commissioner of Police and the Postmaster General respectively.

The Periodical Bulletin was passed for printing and distribution.

Questions On Sleeper

Purchases

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"All this has been done under the most difficult conditions. It is possible to describe for an air force. It must be remembered that an air force is most sensitive to the state of its bases. It is necessary for aerodromes to be abandoned, air work is made very difficult. The R.A.F. found this out in France and our pilots found their work hard and difficult and they were extremely tired."

"The Soviet Air Force fought under similar conditions and yet in spite of this, never for one moment did it show the smallest diminution in its fighting value. It is as strong in the east today as it was at the start of the campaign and now it is receiving some support from the R.A.F. and from British and American factories."

"The R.A.F. could always give indirect assistance by hardening its offensive in the west and that it is continuing to do. Everyone is anxious that aid to Russia should be on an immediate and the largest scale. Although it has been slow it will still achieve its purpose providing the Soviet Air Force continues to fight in the east with the same fortitude it has shown. The Soviet Air Force is one of the surprises of the war and it has shown itself to be one of the finest fighting forces in existence."

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Now, Mr. Leong, what did you pay for the sleepers that you sold to Tai Lee for \$1.90?—The whole lot I bought from Jardine Engineering was 98,000 pieces and they were estimated at the price of firewood, as they were not going to be used for tunnelling work. At first we approached Marsman's and also Mr. Perkins of the A.R.P. The latter replied that the hardwood sleepers were no longer suitable for the purposes of tunnel work. Here are the letters.

Have you any connexion with that firm?—No.
Don't they occupy the same office as the Kwong Hip Shing?—These two firms use the same office. The premises were at one time used as a private residence. They use the same office as you did?—Yes.
Do the Tai Lee Chan firm use the same office too?—Yes.
Have you anything to do with that firm?—No.
You bought these sleepers from the Chik Hing firm?—Yes.
How much did you pay them per sleeper?—\$3.50 each.

You made a profit of 40 cents each?—Yes.
When did you purchase them from Chik Hing firm?—Sometime in February 1941, the purpose of the purchase was to make the wood into firewood.

Is this not the truth? Did you not know when you entered into this deal that they were going to use sleepers in A.R.P. tunnels?—No.
Chairman (to Witness): On October 21, you wrote Marsman's and you told them what you had in hand and the quantities and you also said that you had a stock of Oregon pine sleepers for sale. What price did you mention?—The hardwood sleepers \$2.90 each and the Oregon pine sleepers \$3.20 each.

NO DIRECT SALE
Did you sell any to Marsman's at any time?—We did not sell direct.
Do you know if Marsman's subsequently purchased these sleepers?—The situation is this. Marsman's offered to purchase 2,000 sleepers as a trial order, but we thought the quantity was too small. After that the Tai Lee Lumber Company bought from us and we turned the order over to them.

How much did you sell to Tai Lee?—80,000 pieces.
At how much per sleeper?—\$1.90.

These were the sleepers that Tai Lee subsequently sold to Marsman's and to Kin Lee. Correct?—Yes, in small quantities.

Were these the same sleepers you offered Marsman's and which they said could not be used?—Yes, I think so.
Did you offer the same sleepers to Kin Lee?—Not the same sleepers. I know nothing about Kin Lee at all.

On this same day, October 21, Marsman's replied to your letter and informed you that they found the size of these sleepers not suitable for tunnel work and that was why they did not purchase from you and you subsequently sold these to Tai Lee at \$1.90 each?—

Broker of what?—Broker in wood.
Railway sleepers?—I did only one transaction, and that was on February 11, 1941.

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DRAW FOR BOWLS SINGLES

The draw for the Second Round of the COLONY OPEN SINGLES LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP took place yesterday evening at the offices of Messrs. Gande, Price Co. Ltd.

The result of the draw, with venue and date for each game given in brackets after the players' names, was:

ON SEPTEMBER 29

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. MEETING

There has been some talk during the past few weeks of the revival of a HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION but though reports to this effect continue to circulate nothing concrete has been done.

However, it was left to the European YMCA to take the first step and they have, with the object of forming such an association, announced that members of all clubs in the Colony are invited to attend a meeting which they are holding at the "Y" on Sept. 30 with the purpose of electing officers to serve on the committee.

Ah Q Win

In the final of the Emporium Small-ball Kno-kout Shield Competition, sponsored by St. Joseph's Club, played at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators, Ah Q defeated SOUTH CHINA by two goals to one after leading 2-0 at half-time.

The case in which Shek Tinsing, 31, managing partner of Killy and Co., of No. 176 Main St. East, first floor, Shaukwan, was charged with receiving stolen property, namely, 4,500 rolls of cotton cloth, property of the Li Tak Shing Co., and 6,000 rolls of white cloth, 65 large bales and 600 small-bales of cotton yarn, the property of the Tai Sang Co., was adjourned at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Lau Fook, driver of lorry No. 3427, reported to the Police yesterday that while driving along Pedder St. towards Hennessy Rd. and when near Russell Street, a small boy ran across and was knocked down.

A 60-year old female street sleeper, Ng Shing-ye, was seen to collapse near the Botanical Gardens yesterday morning, apparently another victim of starvation. Ng was taken to hospital in a very serious condition.

A monkey, belonging to Chung Kong, No. 1 foreman of the P.W.D. land department at Tukkoo, was sent to Matakuo for observation for having bitten a man.

BIG FIRES IN LENINGRAD

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—Reports from Helsinki and Berlin today speak of big fires in Leningrad.

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—The main items for debate at the forthcoming Inter-Allied Conference in London shortly will, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, probably be (1) The Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt; (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all Allied countries.

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—General Sir Archibald Wavell, C-in-C India, has been awarded the Military Cross of Virtuti Militari, which is the Polish equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

RANGOON, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—Burma's Premier, Mr. U Saw left yesterday on a goodwill flight to England.

Interfering Materially With Colony War Effort

I regard this offence of receiving as a very serious offence. In times like these the shipping building industry is not only vital to this Colony but also to our country. You are interfering very materially with this Colony and our country's war effort."

Thus said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to a married woman, TSANG SHUN-CHEUNG, 55, who was convicted of a charge of receiving in all three tons of bolts, nuts and rivets, stated to belong to Tukoo Dockyard, knowing them to have been stolen, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

ALSO FINED

Passing sentence, his Lordship said he had taken into consideration accused's age and, on the first count, imposed imprisonment of six months' hard labour and also a fine of \$1,000, in default, an additional six months. Referring to the second count, his Lordship said that he was unable unfortunately, to impose more than a fine of \$500, which was the maximum. In default of this payment accused will serve another six months.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Sub-Asst. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, was for the defence.

Mr. Sullivan: I thought it would be correct for me to speak candidly on this matter.

Chairman: It helps us, Mr. Sullivan, when the people appearing before this Tribunal express themselves candidly. We thank you.

The Tribunal comprised Mr Justice Williams (Chairman), Lt. Col. L. L. Tollemache, R.N., Major R. E. Moody, Hon. Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. C. Blaker, M.C., and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess, Clerk to the Tribunal.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Others assigned were:—

Mr. J. Barnett, of Dowdell & Co.'s Shipping Dept.—assigned to the Essential Services Group; Mr. W. Bell, Supt. Engineer of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire—Key Post Group, as he was essential to his post; Mr. L. Blair, engineer at the North Point Installation, A.P.C.—Key Post; Mr. T. P. de Booten, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company—Essential Services; Mr. F. J. R. Glass, of Cable and Wireless, Ltd.—Key Post as he was essential to his job; Mr. H. W. Hagedorn, of John Manners & Co., Ltd.—Combatant Group; Mr. T. P. Hamlin, Marine Supt. of Mollers—Key Post as he was responsible for a good deal of work here; Mr. J. S. Jenkins, of Cable and Wireless, Ltd.—Key Post; Mr. R. Knox, of Tukoo Docks—Essential Services as he was needed for his worship when Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appealed for reduction of fines.

His Worship dismissed the appeal.

RECEIVER CONVICTED

Chan Wai, 33, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry with receiving a Rolex wrist-watch valued at \$250, stolen from the residence of Mr. Takahashi, of the Japanese Consulate, at No. 10 MacDonnell Road, on Sept. 16.

Defendant was additionally charged with a breach of a deportation order.

His Worship sentenced defendant eight months' hard labour.

Sgt. White, prosecuted.

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Li Lam, 41, shop-fool, was fined

GENERAL

Wanchai Communal Kitchen Well Patronised: Report On The Vegetable Laan Racket

At the 20th meeting of the Equitable Rice Sales Fund Committee, held at Medical Headquarters on Monday, it was reported by Mr. C. Liao that sales for the week at the Committee's communal kitchen at Wanchai included 6,835 bowls of polished rice, 17,420 bowls of cargo (unpolished or "country") rice and 3,673 portions of "sung." So far, the greatest number of bowls of rice sold on any one day was 4,590.

PETITION INVESTIGATED

Mr. Wittenbach stated that the Sub-committee appointed to investigate the petition from the Vegetable and Fruit Growers' Guild had visited a number of vegetable laans on Sept. 20, and that they had arrived at the following findings:

The laans provide a place where the so-called "trustees" of the farmers may bring the vegetables they collect to sell them to the retailers; clerks and accountants who keep records of sales and issue slips to the "trustees" to hand to the farmers, coolies and

weighers to help the "trustees" or their assistants in the rush periods; also charge the farmers 6.4 per cent. of the gross takings, deduct 5 per cent. also on the gross takings, on behalf of the "trustees" and the cost of transport of the vegetables to the laans.

The farmer consigns his vegetables to the laans through the "trustee" who informs the farmer to which laan he is taking them.

REPRESENTATIVE OF LAAN

The "trustee" is not free to investigate which laan is paying the best prices, but has to take the vegetables to the laans whose representative he is acting as pur-chaser.

The "trustee" takes delivery of the vegetables and sells them to the retailers on the premises of the particular laan which he represents.

The farmer is completely unprotected. His vegetables are neither weighed nor valued prior to shipment; he is not present during the sale, and he is entirely in the hands of the "trustee."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (Reuter)—

The State Department announces the sinking of a Government-owned ship. The sinking occurred in Icelandic waters.

A later message states that the name of the ship is PINK STAR of 6,859 tons. She was flying the Panama flag when she was sunk

in attempting to board bus No. 635 while it was in motion. Tam Yuen-chi, of No. 263 Queen's Road East, second floor, fell and sustained serious injuries to his head from which he succumbed in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Estimates Of Sanitary Department Considered

Proposed changes in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department and the proposed Public Works Extraordinary for the Sanitary Department for 1942-43 were considered by the URBAN COUNCIL

In presenting the report of the Committee, the Chairman said that the only changes were in the Estimates. It was proposed that a European Assistant Secretary be appointed.

It was proposed by the Committee that uniforms be provided for scavenging coolies.

Referring to Public Works Extraordinary, the Chairman said that it was intended to go ahead with the extension of the wholesale market in Kennedy Town, and to recommend the construction of such a market in Kowloon.

The Council was also asking for

LICENCES GRANTED

Two licences for milk shops, three eating house licences and two licences for the erection of neon signs were granted by the Urban Council between Sept. 9 and 22, inclusive.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

ILL-TREATED WARD

Fung Ying, 48, married woman, appeared before Mr. Sheldon charged with possession of a ward, Tsang Mui, aged 13, and was fined \$15.

LARCENY FROM PERSON

Chol Kum, 17, charged before Mr. Sheldon with larceny from Chung Sui-feng, woman, of three \$1 notes in Hennessy Road, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

FALSE PRETENCES

Chau Sheung, 22, unemployed, charged before Mr. Sheldon with obtaining, by false pretences, \$4.60 from Law Nam, 30, married woman, on Sept. 22, was fined \$50, or six months' hard labour.

APPEAL DISMISSED

The case against Yung Yuet-tung of the Lin Woo Store and Ho Chee-chun, of the Kwang Sang Cheong Yuen, who were sentenced by Mr. Sheldon on Sept. 10 to fines of \$1,000 and \$500, or one month respectively, was again brought before his worship when Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appealed for reduction of fines.

His Worship dismissed the appeal.

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THEFT BY FINDING

Lau Kwan, 25, hawker, of No. 290 Kilung Street, appeared before Mr. Macnamara charged with larceny, by finding, of a leather wallet, containing \$10.70 and a pawn ticket in a public latrine at Pei Ho Street Market, the property of Kiang Pui, 20, stall-holder.

Accused was bound over.

CEYLONNESE GAOLDED

Duncan Arthur Hingurt, 41, of Colombo, Ceylon, store-keeper of a Jardine Matheson and Co.'s ships, appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen charged with stealing three sacks of rice, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

UNLICENCED DOGS

Mrs. K. Walles, of No. 168, Boundary Street, was summoned before Major Macfadyen for keeping an unlicensed dog, and was fined \$2.

Mr. Tse Chuk was fined \$3 for a similar offence.

Sgt. J. N. Gunning prosecuted.

EUROPEAN CAUTIONED

Mr. K. S. Kjaer, of 7 Tregunty Mansions, May Road, summoned before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson for not having a disc on his windscreen when travelling along Garden Road, was cautioned.

Traffic Sgt. H. Dingsdale prosecuted.

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MONARCH

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — The King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece last night. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden and other members of the Government were also present.

A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

In a message to the British people on the occasion of his arrival with King George of Greece in Britain, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, said:

"We are extremely happy to find ourselves here among the British people where we intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazi and Fascist tyrants of Europe. We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until victory, of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, the capital not only of the British Empire but of all freedom-loving peoples."

INTEREST NOW FOCUSED ON
SAVAGE FIGHTING PROCEEDING
TO EAST OF KIEV

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — Following the statement announced by Moscow and the German report that the capital of Ukraine is in a state of "indescribable devastation," interest is focused upon the savage fighting which is proceeding east of the city.

Here, regulars of the Soviet Army, supplemented by detachments of the Home Guard, are reported to be fighting a gallant rearguard action. Reports of the outcome of this fighting are keenly awaited. Meanwhile, the Germans claim to have annihilated large bodies of troops in this area and to have taken 150,000 prisoners.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and wreckage would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.

Professing concern for Kiev's population, the Germans declare that their destructive rage the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruellest fashion. It is pointed out here that there is no basis for this statement.

In fact observers here take hope from the German reports considering that the thorough devastation inflicted on this holy Russian city, indicates not only an orderly withdrawal of the armed forces but that Kiev's civilians were properly evacuated.

This would indicate considerable preparation beforehand and would imply that the city's defenders had laid plans in advance by which they hope to insure the outcome of the engagements which are now proceeding.

NEW DEFENCE LINE

A special correspondent of the official Italian news agency wired last night that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Donetz River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE

The Hungarian General Staff last night issued a communiqué saying:

"The Soviet forces that escaped encirclement east of the Dnieper are being pursued towards the east. Their rearguards are attempting a counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have been broken and resistance weakening. This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue the fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river."

Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

OVIDIOPOLIS CAPTURED

VICHY, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — Italian Press reports state that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 25 miles southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting and are now advancing to the coast towards Odessa.

Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the river Dniester, which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

NOT A R.O.

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — It would be idle to deny that the loss of Kiev is a serious blow, states a war commentary by Analist. The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general.

FORMER SHAH CEDES PROPERTY
IN IRAN TO THE PEOPLE

TEHERAN, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — Seven new Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Premier Faroughi has presented to Parliament. The remaining four members were in the makeshift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Iranian military resistance.

The most important of the new Iranian people. The ex-Shah still retains his enormous wealth deposited in foreign banks, mostly in America, estimated by some Iranians to total nearly £45,000,000.

OUTSIDE TEHERAN

SIMLA, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communiqué issued here.

Reinforced Russian armies on the left bank of the Dnieper are now able to concentrate on the threat constituted by the German thrusts from Chernigov and Kremenchug.

There is no confirmation here of the German claim that this pioneer movement has already resulted in the encirclement of the Russian troops. In any case, it is felt here that the withdrawal from the capital of Ukraine is counterbalanced by the fact that it comes after three months of the war which was certainly not what the Germans originally expected.

Minister of the Interior.—General Amonah Jahangiri, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship.

Minister of Education.—Dr. Issa Sadig, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong.

The two emissaries sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan have now returned, bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah recedes all his property in Iran to

CABLE NEWS
IN BRIEF

SYDNEY, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — As from yesterday, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further 600 per cent per annum, making an aggregate reduction of 15s per cent since the outbreak of the war. The new rates are 3 months 12 per cent, 6 months 13 1/4 per cent, one year 2 per cent and two years 2 1/4 per cent.

CAIRO, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — The newspaper ALMO KATTAM cites a "reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran.

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by the Rome Radio. (The Ankara Radio on Friday last described as "state of emergency")

LAHORE, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — Precautionarily, the Raj advise all members of the public to carry the name and address of their next of kin or other person whom they would wish to be notified in the event of their becoming air raid casualties.

LAHORE, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — A night long black-out is ordered in Lahore and 12 other towns of the Lahore division from Oct. 5 to Oct. 13 in connexion with the forthcoming air defence exercises. Contravention of the order is punishable by imprisonment of one month and a fine.

EXPLOSION IN
SOUTH BOHEMIA
SHELL WORKS

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — An important munitions works at Vlasin in Southern Bohemia has been destroyed as the result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The works was concerned with filling shell cases with explosives. It is known that at least 90 Germans brought from the Reich to work in this factory are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number killed.

Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started, but thus far this has proved quite fruitless.

At almost the same time, a power-station at Trebenice was wrecked by another explosion, a great part of the buildings being destroyed.

ENEMY SHIPPING
HARASSED

SCHOONER BLOWS UP
AFTER DIRECT HIT

CAIRO, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — An R.A.F. Middle East communiqué says:

"A series of successful attacks were made on enemy shipping in the region of Tripoli recently. In one of these carried out by bombers of the Royal Air Force, one large schooner received several direct hits and the crew immediately abandoned the ship, which was left in a mass of flames.

"Another schooner, after being hit, blew up with such a terrific force that one of our aircraft making the attack was destroyed by the blast.

"On Sept. 20, one heavily laden merchant ship off Kerkennah was bombed, set on fire and left sinking.

DESTROYER ATTACKED

"An enemy destroyer just off Tripoli was successfully attacked. Benghasi was raided on the night of Sept. 20-21 by heavy bombers of the R.A.F., several hits being scored on the central and the outer masts.

"From these operations, two of our aircraft are missing."

ITALIAN LINERS
DESTROYED IN
MEDITERRANEAN

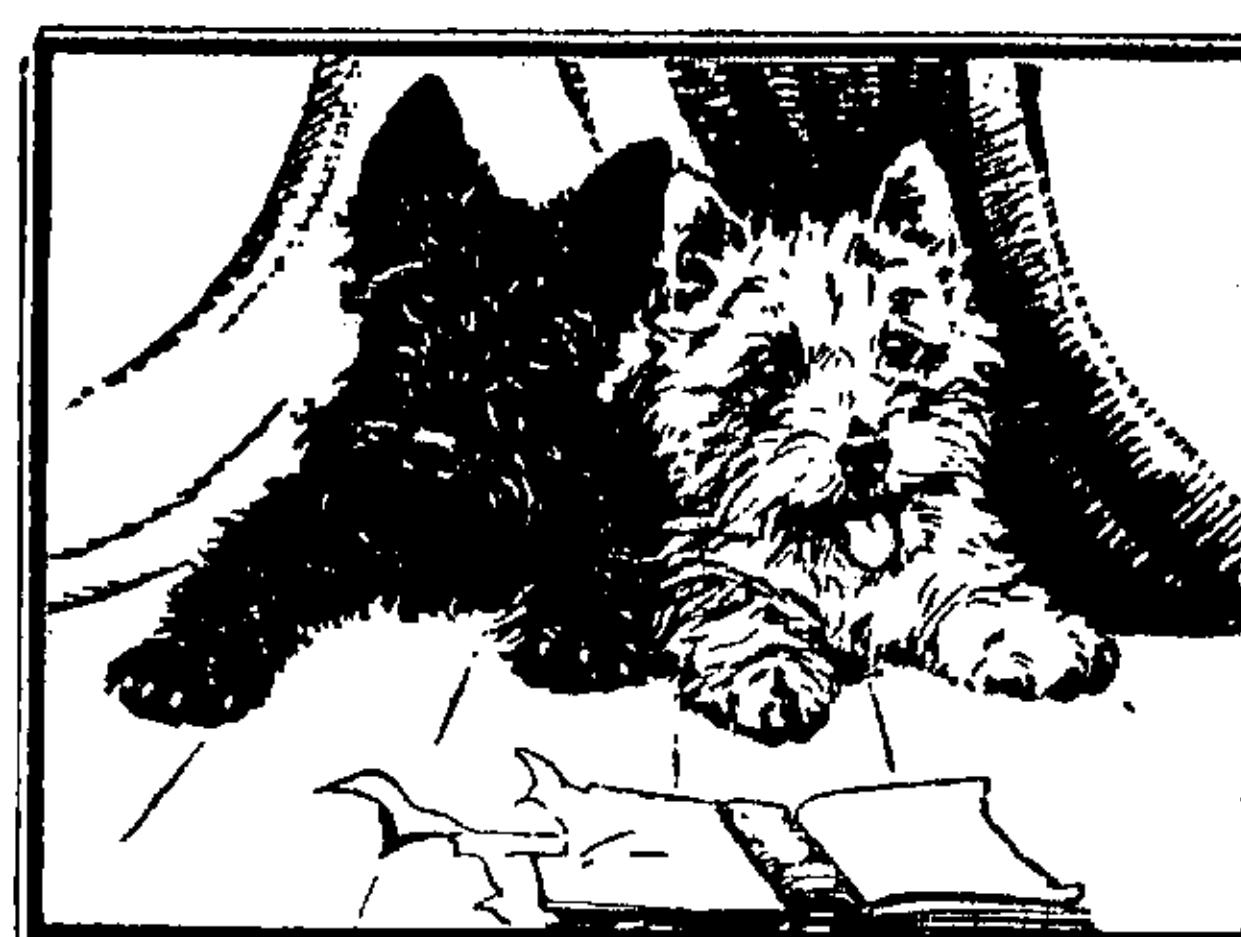
LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — The destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty yesterday afternoon.

The communiqué reads: "On Thursday, September 18, submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya."

"The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged."

"One of the liners in this convoy was similar to the steamer Vulcania of 24,460 tons. The other two liners were of approximately the same tonnage."

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuter) — The Moscow radio announces that the British-American representatives have arrived



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M. Maisky Visits Midlands Tank Factories: The First Machine Is Named "Stalin"

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — The Russian Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands yesterday to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week." Madame Maisky named the first tank, which was of the Valentine type, "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people, and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

DR. GRADY WARN AGAINST COMPLACENCY

BOMBAY, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — Dr. Henry Grady, President Roosevelt's special economic investigator in the Far East, who arrived in Bombay en route to Colombo, informed Reuters that this part of the world, represented by India, Burma, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and South China, is most important, in respect of raw materials, both in mineral and vegetable.

It is therefore tremendously important that this area should make the fullest contribution by intensifying production of raw materials so Britain and the United States could be adequately supplied with materials needed for the production of war materials.

Emphasizing the need for maximum effort, Dr. Grady said while the tide seemed to be turning against the Axis at present it will be a vital mistake to be complacent because complacency has been the cause of failure of the many countries conquered by the Nazis.

PRESS CABLE RATES REDUCED FOR DURATION

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — The rates for Press telegrams within the British Empire are to be reduced from 2d per word to 1d per word.

The new rate will apply from Oct. 1 and will remain in force for the duration of the war.

RATES WITH EIRE AND BUTMA WILL REMAIN TEMPORARILY UNCHANGED, HOWEVER.

Announcing this development Sir Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of the Cable and Wireless Company, said the arrangement followed the consultation with the Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken and other interested parties and was made with the co-operation of Empire Governments.

MEDICAL AID TO SOVIET RUSSIA

LONDON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — It is authoritatively learned that Mr. Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles Wilson will report to Mr. Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.

AMERICAN DEFENCE PROGRAMME

CHICAGO, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — The United States defence programme has reached a point where it is able to meet all demands for tanks, small guns and ammunition, declared Mr. William Knudsen, Director-General of the Office of Production Management, here yesterday.

Calling for a still greater effort, he declared that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we have to make in our comfortable standard of living. I think that it behoves us all to wake up."

BRITISH WARSHIPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — The Navy Department announces that 12 British warships, including three battleships, have been in United States ports. In addition to those mentioned a day or two ago.

All the 12 ships have now left again.

They are the battleships Resolution, Malaya, Rodney, the auxiliaries Canton, Southern Prince, Montclare, Bulolo, Launia, the corvettes Tullip, Clarkia, the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser Aurora.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Sept. 22.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

2 War Loan, 3½% (Red)

after 1952 105 11 16

Defence Loan, 3% 101

Canton K'loon Rly 5% 13

Chinese 4½% Gold Loan

1899 (Brit. Issue) 46

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds

1925 47 45

Chin 4½% Anglo-French

Loan 1908 46

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan

1912 29½

Chinese 5% Reorg Loan

1913 (Ldn. Is.) 38

Chinese 8% Ster Notes

1925 (Vickers) 50

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Loan 60

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Bukuang Rly 5% 1911

(C.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

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Shai N'king Rly 5% 17

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Pekin Syndicate 1½

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Bristol Aeroplane 10½

Imperial Chemical Ind 31 6½

United Stee. 23 6

Woolworths 57½

Marsman Investments 7 6

Western Holdings 18 3

Sub-Nigel 143 9

Shell Trans. & Trad. (share) 52 6

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LONDON GOLD

London, Sept. 22 (Reuters). Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 188/-

Air Defences Of Burma

MORE AERODROMES BEING BUILT

RANGOON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — Increased aid for China and greater mobility of the R.A.F. in the East is expected from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing ground in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma, it is expected that the new aerodromes will accelerate the Works Manager mounted a tank and asked the workers "What is your answer?" "More tanks" they chorused.

Madame Maisky named three Valentine tanks, the Molotov Timoshenko and the Budenny.

NEW INDUSTRIAL COMPANY IN KWANGTUNG

SHIUKWAN, Sept. 23 (Central)

A semi-official industrial company to be capitalised at \$40,000,000 will be established here early next month to engage in various industries including mining.

The capitalisation, it is learned, will be equally shared by the Kwangtung Provincial Government and private interests.

The government portion will be appropriated from the provincial treasury while that of private interests will be raised by shares at \$1,000 each.

The company will have five departments, namely, general affairs, sales, industries, mining and transportation. If circumstances demand, branches will be established in other provinces.

BURMESE-CHINESE IMMIGRATION

RANGOON, Sept. 23 (Reuters) —

An agreement on various important points relating to Chinese immigration into Burma was reached at a conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegations yesterday.

The points are not detailed in the communiqué which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments and to an agreement being reached on the remaining two points.

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New York, Sept. 22 (Reuters)

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Raw Sugar Futures
(Contract No. 4)

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Volume of business done — 102
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May 78½b

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Opening Closing

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Dec 16 88 85 16 76 78

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Spot 17 34

Highest (Dec.) 120½

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London Silver, Spot 23 1/2d

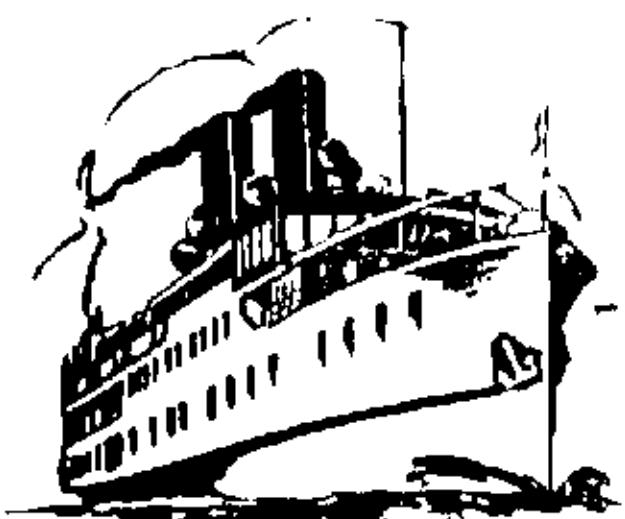
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EVIDENCE AT A.R.P. INQUIRY

Continued from Page 4

the same office as Chik Hing and the Kwong Hip Shing?—Yes

And you all three deal in timber?—Yes

When did you start this Tai Lee Chan firm?—About eight years ago

Have you ever sold sleepers to Marsman's?—Yes

Did you sell them 10,000 on July 18, 1941?—Yes

From whom did you purchase the sleepers?—From Kin Wah

When did you buy them?—On July 21, 1941, we entered into a contract to buy them

You couldn't have. You sold one lot on July 18, and the other lot on July 19. When did you buy them from these people?—We had never dealt in sleepers before, so when on July 18 and 19 we got an order from Marsman's we proceeded to buy from Kin Wah

Marsman's gave you an order for 10,000 sleepers which you did not have in stock, and you proceeded to buy from Kin Wah?—We had about 1,000 to 2,000 pieces in stock, and we purchased from Kin Wah to make up the order

In order to fulfil Marsman's order you purchased from Kin Wah?—Yes

Is Kin Wah a timber firm?—Kin Wah is the same firm as K C Loong

How much did you buy from Kin Wah for?—\$4.82 each, but the price that I demanded from Marsman's included transportation and cutting up

You sold them at \$6.15?—Yes

You have worked out what profit you made on the transaction?—A little over \$3,000

And that is the only transaction you ever had with Marsman's?—Yes

Have you ever sold sleepers to Kin Lee?—No, never

Are you quite sure about that?—Quite sure

Did you ever sell Kin Lee hardwood timber?—No, never

They have got Tai Lee Chan in their books as having sold them \$1,078 worth of hardwood timber

This bill is in connexion with the sale of wood by Tai Lee Chan at Wanchai. This lot of wood was not sold by the office

NOT THE MANAGER

Is this the same Tai Lee Chan?—There is connexion between the office and the Wanchai Tai Lee Chan, but each establishment keeps their own accounts, and do their own business

Are you not the manager of that Tai Lee Chan?—No, there is another Manager at Wanchai

You say that they are not the same firm although there is connexion between them?—The capital is common to the two firms, although each establishment looks after its own business

And you keep separate books, do you?—Yes

Where does the profit go to, then?—The profit goes to the shareholders of the Tai Lee Chan in Wanchai

Are you a shareholder?—I am not a shareholder of the Wanchai Tai Lee Chan

What about the other one?—I am only the manager, not proprietor

You have no money in them yourself?—No money invested in the capital

Do you know whether the two firms have the same shareholders?—Same shareholders for the two firms

You know Pang Chik and Tam?—Yes

Is it connected with the Tai Lee Chan firm?—No connexion at all. We know each other

Who is the proprietor or chief partner in Tai Lee Chan?—Kan Chik-son

One last question. Can you tell me who it was that approached you from Marsman's and gave you the order for the 10,000 pieces of sleepers?—I must give you a history of this transaction

We don't want too long history, just a short account of it.—First of all one Mr. Rocha, a Portuguese, of Marsman's, phoned us up, enquiring the price of wood. I then made some suggestions to Mr. Rocha that if he wanted to buy wood from the market, the price would be \$2.60 or \$2.70 per cubic foot. If he cared to buy sleepers and cut them up to their own requirements the price would be \$2.40 per cubic foot. He said he had to consult the Manager of the Engineering Department. In the afternoon he phoned me again and ordered 4,000 pieces of sleepers and they to be cut according to measurements, 2" x 5" x 7".

But eventually you got the order from Marsman's, through Mr. Rocha, for 10,000 sleepers?—He did not give me the order for this, he was the man who . . .

He got you the business anyway, didn't he?—He was not the

man who introduced this business to me. This gentleman rings up almost every day to inquire of the price

This gentleman did practically all the sleepers dealings for Marsman's. Yes

GOING TO MANILA

Do you follow the local custom of paying commission to people who get you business?—No

You have never done that?—Never

Am I correct in saying that you propose to leave for Manila very shortly?—I am

Have you booked your passage by plane for today?—No, I am leaving on September 27

What are you going there for?—I am going there on business

What business?—We are going to import timber so I want to see the manufacturers and make the necessary arrangements

Have you got a letter of introduction to them?—No

You are sure? You did not ask Mr. Rocha for one?—I have never received a letter of introduction from Mr. Rocha

The suggestion has been made that the Tai Lee firm, the Tai Lee Chan and the Kwong Hip Shing are one and the same?—No

And that they went into the sleepers business solely for the purpose of selling at a profit?—That is not true

That suggestion is not true?—No

And it is also not true to say that you are the manager of all three firms?—That is untrue

Also of Chik Hing?—I am looking after the business of Chik Hing

Tell me, who pays the rent of the Office?—Chik Hing

The other two firms don't pay rent?—Kwong Hip Shing does not pay rent. They have only a name there and the place is for their convenience

Kwong Hip Shing only have a name up—an accommodation address?—Yes

What about Tai Lee Chan?—The partners of Tai Lee Chan are the same as of Chik Hing

The same firm then?—The same partners, but they are two different establishments

NOT THE MANAGER

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Both have sold sleepers to Marsman's and Kin Lee. The Tai Lee Chan sold 10,000?—Yes

Did they buy from Chik Hing?—They bought only from Kin Lee

You say Chik Hing never had any business dealings with Marsman's or Kin Lee?—Chik Hing never sold to Kin Lee

Did Chik Hing ever sell to Kwong Hip Shing?—Yes

Who did Kwong Hip Shing sell to?—Marsman's

I presume Chik Hing made a profit on the transactions?—Yes

So did Kwong Hip Shing?—Yes

The next witness was Tam Long-ying

HIGH CLASS ASSISTANT

The Chairman asked: What are you in Pang Chik and Tam?—I am a high class officer

How high?—I offer my services to Pang Chik, my manager

Pang Chik is your manager and you are his high-class assistant, are you?—Yes

What do you assist him in doing?—I supervise the work because I am an engineer myself

Have you ever sold timber-sleepers to Kin Lee?—The Pang Chik and Tam firm never sold sleepers to Kin Lee

Did Tai Lee ever sell?—I know this: Tai Lee Lumber Company purchased a lot of sleepers and Kin Lee bought some of them

You know the Tai Lee Company, do you?—I am a partner

The same as Pang Chik and Tam?—Yes, but they are two different businesses

They use the same notepaper don't they?—The Tai Lee Lumber Company was formed at a moment's notice and after the establishment of this Company they had no letter paper to use, so they used some of Pang Chik and Tam's only for a short period

A document bearing the date of December 7, 1940, was then handed to witness

Have you ever seen this document before?—Yes

What does it say?—It says 1,100 pieces of sleepers sold to Kin Lee

And the price?—\$3.40 each

And it was sold by Pang Chik

And it was sold by Pang Chik and Tam?—No, the Tai Lee Lumber

Company borrowed their paper and used it

Who put the chop on it as the money was received. Tai Lee or Pang Chik and Tam?—It was chopped by the people of the Tai Lee Company and the Tai Lee Lumber Company also received the money

You say you were a partner in the Tai Lee Lumber Company?—Yes

Have you worked out what profit you made before the firm disappeared?—Yes

How much?—A little over \$4,000

That was your share?—The whole firm only made a little over \$4,000

That was the whole profit you made on the sale of 80,000 sleepers, was it?—Yes

How do you arrive at that figure?—I am not the manager or the cashier of the business. The figures were worked out by them

Who worked out the figures?—Kwong Ming-kwong, the Manager

He kept the books, did he?—Yes

You are stating that the Tai Lee Lumber Company kept books in which they entered the transaction of 80,000 sleepers?—You can call the record of accounts a book or slips of paper. They are written on sheets of paper

Are these still in existence?—I don't know. They were in the charge of the Manager

Who is Lau Lai-sang?—He is the accountant who looks after the cash

He would be the man who received cheques in payment and made out these slips of paper?—Yes

Do you know if this Company had a bank account?—It has not

The Tai Lee Lumber Company did not keep a bank account?—No

"I DON'T KNOW"

What did you do with the huge sum of money when you got it?—I don't know what was done with the money. Certainly it would go to the man who kept the coffers of the money

Was it kept in cash in the Office?—That I don't know

I thought you said you were the high-class assistant to your manager?—I have no recollection now as to how this firm dealt in this lot of wood because in a short space of three months 80,000 pieces of sleepers were sold

The Company only lasted three months?—Yes

Yet they sold the sleepers at a tremendous profit. We have the figures—We made only \$4,000

That's what you say. At a previous hearing I suggested to your Manager that your firm made a profit of at least \$50,000. I am going to suggest to you that your Company was merely a blind to cloak the firm of Pang Chik and Tam and also of Tai Lee and get a share of the profits of War Tax

The Inquiry was adjourned